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This will do nicely!

Thank you,

-Luis

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Subject

Re: tasc program

Thanks for your quick response, and I appreciate the opportunity.  
 Following are some areas that I am interested in exploring under this  
 program:

1. Geology expertise to understand specifically the chemical vs.  
 radiological differences between the geology determined to be under  
 the site, i.e. Chatsworth and Santa Susana and the surrounding  
 geological formations that might be similar in makeup, i.e. Chico and  
 Tuna Canyon formations with specific attention to the difference at  
 depth vs. surface samples so that we may have a better understanding  
 on how the global nuclear impacts might differ from those found at the  
 SSFL.

2. Historical Document review: Currently DTSC has a small very good  
 team reviewing the documents, but they are truly monumental in size  
 (the documents). It would be helpful to have independent review of  
 all Area IV historical operational and incident records as well as  
 products used so that we can narrow the list of radionuclides  
 expected, based on site history, vs. primordial or global impact  
 releases. Part of this needs to emphasize an educational aspect to  
 help the everyday people who live around the site, gain a better  
 understanding of the issues and debates currently on the table, so  
 that they may weigh in to the decisions that will possibly impact  
 their futures. In addition, this will help tremendously since the  
 comment periods are usually just 30 days and the documents are  
 thousands of pages of technical data.

3. Groundwater impacts are profound and not well understood. Many of  
 the experts who have proposed that nothing is moving off the site,  
 have never been to the site. We would very much appreciate the  
 opportunity to have those experts as well as an independent review of  
 their data so that the migration of the groundwater plume that sits  
 below the site, can be understood and dealt with.

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> Hi Christina,
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> Thank you for expressing your interest in the TASC program. To help
> scope a work plan with our contractors, I would like it if you could
> relate to me areas that you would like for the technical experts to
> focus on; this could include, but is not limited to, the background
> sampling plan, environmental and human health effects of radiological
> materials/releases, documents to review, etc.
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> Sincerely,
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> We are very interested in this program and hope we can work  
> together. All of our work has been based on community outreach and  
> look forward to an inclusive process that is far and within the scope  
> of the agreed issues within these projects (rad study and background  
> study). Please let me know if I've understood how this can work for  
> our community. We have a location that features the history of the  
> site and all the possible tools for educating the public and feel that  
> using those resources is a critical part of being effective  
> communicators with the public. As per my discussion with Craig, we  
> have some ongoing public outreach and we would like to incorporate  
> into this if possible to maximize usefulness of the program.  
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> Thanks and we look forward to speaking with you further on the TASC  
> program for SSFL.  
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> a project of International Humanities Center <http://www.ihcenter.org>  
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> advocacy through the arts  
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